1985 for providing a package of rehabilitation services to the rural disabled;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress made in this scheme so far alongwith the names of the States in which the scheme is under implementation?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) The Government had launched the District Rehabilitation Centre (DRC) Scheme in 1982-83 for providing a package of comprehensive rehabilitation services to the rural disableds

(b) and (c). The DRC Scheme is being implemented in the following States :

1.	Andhra Pradesh	-	Vijayawada
2	Haryana	-	Bhiwani
3	Karnataka	-	Mysore
4	Madhya Pradesh	-	Bilaspur
5.	Maharashtra	-	Virar
6	Orissa	-	Bhubaneswar
7	Rajasthan	-	Kota
8	Tamil Nadu	-	Chengalpattu
9	Uttar Pradesh	-	Sitapur and Jagdishpur
10	West Bengal	-	Kharagpur

Four Regional Rehablitation Training Centres (RRTCs) at Bombay, Cuttack, Madras and Lucknow and one Central Administrative and Coordination Unit (CACU) at New Delhi were set up for backing up the services of DRCs

Under the DRC Scheme, following rehabilitation services to the rural disabled have been provided since its inception (till Februrary 1996)

Total No of Assessment Rahabilitation Clinics conducted	-	15526
Total No of Disabled identified and Evaluated.	-	218747
Total No of Disabled Cases served	-	97676

[Translation]

Foreign Assistance for Development of Tourist Spots

226 SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether the Union Government have sought foreign assistance for the development of tourist spots

(b) if so, the details thereof, during the last three years alongwith the rate of interest in this regard,

(c) the names of tourist spots on which the said foreign assistance was spent, State-wise; and

(d) the conditions on which such foreign assistance is provided for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) to (d). The Government has entered into a loan agreement with the Overseas Economic Coorperation Fund (OECF) of Japan in December, 1988 for development of infrastructural facilities along the identified Buddhist travel circuits in U.P and Bihar. The Government has also entered into a loan agreement with the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund in January, 1992 for conservation and development of Ajanta and Ellora in Maharashtra.

For the U.P. and Bihar project, the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund would extend financial assistance to the tune of 7.76 billion Japanese Yen The major components of the project are strengthening of National and State Highways, landscaping, augmentation of water and electricity supply and setting up of wayside amenities. The loan in repayable over 20 years with a grace period of 10 years at a rate of interest of 2.5% per annum. The places identified in U.P. are Sarnath, Kushinagar, Piprahwa and Sravasti and the places covered in Bihar are Bodhgaya, Nalanda, Rajgir and Vaishali.

The Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund assistance for the Ajanta and Ellora project is to the tune of 3745 million Japanese Yen. The loan is rapayable over 20 years with a grace period of 10 years at an interest rate of 2.6% per annum. The major components of the project are afforestation, upgradation of aerodrome facilities at Aurangabad, strengthening and improvement of roads, augmentation of water supply and sewerage, improvement of electricity supply, conservation of monuments and visitor management facilities

Projects Received from S.M.F.D.C.

229 SHRI LALIT ORAON : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have received some projects from the State Minorities Finance and Development Corporation of Bihar through the National Minorities Finance and Development Corporation for approval,

(b) if so, the details thereof,

(c) the projects approved by the Union Government so far; and

(d) the time by which the remaining projects are likely to be approved?